Free Trade Zone at Mangalore

2727. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Karnataka Government for the establishment of Free Trade Zone near the all weather port at Mangalore with a view to boost exports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have received a proposal from the Government of Karnataka for the establishment of Free Trade Zones near Mangalore and Bangalore.

Export promotion zone near Bangalore

2728. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government has sent a proposal to Central Government for setting up of an Export Promotion Zone near Bangalore, which is the Central location in South India;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has taken necessary steps for the establishment of an Export-Oriented Industrial Zone to facilitate Export Promotion Zone by providing infrastructure; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Government have recevied a proposal for the establishment of an Export Processing Zone near Bangalore. Therein the Karnataka Government has indicated that it has taken up the development of an Export Oriented Industrial Zone near White-field, Bangalore.

(c) Government of Karnataka have been informed that there is at the moment, no proposal to set up additional Export Processing Zones.

Decline in export to EEC countries

2729. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of farm and marine products to EEC countries have been declining if so, the sectorwise details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for such decline; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve exports to the EEC countries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is keen to further promote exports of farm and marine products to EEC countries through more aggressive marketing, quality upgradation, and through better price competitiveness.

खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम में 40-सूत्री रोस्टर प्रणाली का समाप्त किया जाना

2730. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि खनिज तथा धातु व्यापार निगम में प्रबंधकों की पदोन्नति के लिए 40-सूत्री रोस्टर अब प्रभावी नहीं है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब समाप्त किया गया और इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या लोक उद्यम ब्यरो ने इस संबंध में स्पष्टीकरण मांगे हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?